

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A seat lifting and transferring apparatus comprising:
 - 5 a mounting bracket wherein the mounting bracket has a first support means for attachment to a chassis of a vehicle;
 - a second support means for attachment of the first support means to a vertical extension arm;
 - 10 an extension arm for moving a horizontal support member and a seat along a substantially vertical axis;
 - the horizontal support member which can alternatively pivot about a substantially horizontal axis located at the base of the extension arm;
 - 15 the seat which rotates about a substantially horizontal axis when the horizontal support member is placed in a horizontal position;
 - a cam-locking device to secure the horizontal support member once it has reached a substantially vertical orientation; and
 - 20 a biaxial foldaway safety arm pivoting about a substantially vertical, then a substantially horizontal axis.